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For: EPHA2 AS A DIAGNOSTIC TARGET FOR METASTATIC CANCER (As Amended)			

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 2 January 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

Identification of increase expression of cell membrane tyrosine kinases would aid in the diagnosis and treatment of metastatic diseases. One such tyrosine kinase in EphA2. A member of the Eph family of tyrosine kinases known as Ephrins, EphA2 is a transmembrane receptor tyrosine kinase with a cell-bound ligand. Although cloned a decade ago, see Lindberg, R.A. and Hunter, T., "cDNA Cloning and Characterization of Eck, an Epithelial Cell Receptor

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At the request of Kim Downing on behalf of Examiner Davis, attached is a clean copy of the amended and newly added claims as transmitted with the Amendment and Response filed May 30, 2002. Due to an oversight, Applicants neglected to include a clean version of the amended claims in the originally filed response. Applicants apologize for any inconvenience caused to the Examiner.

Also at the request of Ms. Downing, attached is a complete copy of the Amendment and Response filed on May 30, 2002.

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